

IRWINDALE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706

AUGUST 24, 2022
WEDNESDAY
6:43 P.M.

The Irwindale **CITY COUNCIL** met in regular session, beginning at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Mark A. Breceda, Manuel R. Garcia,
H. Manuel Ortiz; Mayor Pro Tem Albert F. Ambriz;
Mayor Larry G. Burrola

Present: Julian A. Miranda, City Manager; Adrian Guerra, City
Attorney; Jamie Traxler, Assistant City Attorney Arsanious Hanna,
Director of Engineering / Building Official; Marilyn Simpson,
Community Development Director; Mary Hull, Human Resources
Manager, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director; Iris Espino,
Assistant to the City Manager; and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City
Clerk

**CHANGES TO THE
AGENDA**

None.

**COUNCILMEMBER
TRAVEL REPORTS**

**COUNCILMEMBERS
ORTIZ, GARCIA, AND
BRECEDA**

Councilmembers Ortiz, Garcia, and Breceda each spoke on their
attendance at the Independent Cities Association seminar held in San
Diego this month.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS**

MAYOR BURROLA

Mayor Burrola spoke on the availability of scholarships through the
Irwindale Scholarship Foundation. He thanked the Aquatics Division
staff for the great Luau function held recently, and requested that the
meeting be adjourned in memory of Joe Ray Nunez, Sr.

**MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ**

Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz commended Recreation and Aquatics staff on
the success of the Music in the Park and Luau events.

**COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ**

Councilmember Ortiz echoed Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz's comments
and reiterated his past requests to have a town-hall meeting to
discuss the concerns of residents of Morada Street pertaining to the
Panattoni-owned site nearby.

**COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA**

Councilmember Breceda concurred with the need to meet regarding
the Morada Street residents' concerns, to which City Manager
Miranda advised that staff will reach out to Panattoni representatives
to set up the meeting requested by the Councilmembers.

**INTRODUCTION OF
NEW EMPLOYEES /
PROMOTIONS**

INTRODUCTION OF
IRWINDALE POLICE
LIEUTENANT JOSE
VARGAS

INTRODUCTION OF IRWINDALE POLICE LIEUTENANT JOSE
VARGAS

The introduction was made.

INTRODUCTION OF
IRWINDALE POLICE
SERGEANT MANUEL
CAMPOS

INTRODUCTION OF IRWINDALE POLICE SERGEANT MANUEL
CAMPOS

The introduction was made.

INTRODUCTION OF
HOUSING
COORDINATOR
FERNANDO LOPEZ

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSING COORDINATOR FERNANDO
LOPEZ

The introduction was made.

**PROCLAMATIONS /
PRESENTATIONS /
COMMENDATIONS**

RECOGNITION OF
VINCENT FAMILARI,
IRWINDALE RESIDENT

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The recognition was made.

RECOGNITION OF
NATHAN ROMERO,
IRWINDALE RESIDENT

RECOGNITION OF NATHAN ROMERO, IRWINDALE RESIDENT

The recognition was made.

CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE BUSINESS
OF THE MONTH –
MARTIN MARIETTA

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH –
MARTIN MARIETTA

The presentation was made.

SAFER FROM
WILDFIRES
FRAMEWORK
PRESENTATION

SAFER FROM WILDFIRES FRAMEWORK PRESENTATION

The presentation was made.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

REBECCA BARBOSA

Rebecca Barbosa spoke in support of approval of the claim she and her husband presented against the city. She further stated that the Council is not obligated to follow the advice of the City Attorney, and asked the City Manager whether the subject can be placed on the Consent Calendar portion of a future Council meeting agenda, to which City Attorney Guerra recommended against placing the matter

on open session, and that further discussions, such as those related to a possible settlement, be placed under Closed Session.

- FRED BARBOSA Fred Barbosa spoke in support of approval of the claim he and his wife presented against the city.
- PAT GONZALES Pat Gonzales thanked staff for the Music in the Park concert series as well as the recent luau event. She particularly thanked Aquatics Supervisor Dan Grijalva and his staff for the wonderful work they are doing.
- VERONICA BARBOSA Veronica Barbosa spoke in support of recognizing the contributions of the city's founding mothers, and spoke of her efforts in fulfilling this goal. She further requested that a statue be erected in the Memorial Garden in the month of May to recognize the women that have made significant contributions to the city.
- SUZANNE GOMEZ Suzanne Gomez thanked Veronica Barbosa for the suggestion, congratulated Lieutenant Vargas and Sergeant Campos on their promotions, thanked the Police Department for increased park patrols and requested the creation of a Neighborhood Watch program, commended Recreation and Aquatics staff for their wonderful programs and events, and spoke in favor of building a water reclamation plant and other efforts to help alleviate climate change.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item Nos. 1E and 1F, which were removed from the agenda for separate consideration. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 1A MINUTES

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved:

- 1) Special joint meeting held July 13, 2022
- 2) Special meeting held July 21, 2022
- 3) Special joint meeting held July 27, 2022
- 4) Regular meeting held July 27, 2022
- 5) Special joint meeting held August 15, 2022

ITEM NO. 1B WARRANTS / DEMANDS / PAYROLL

WARRANTS / DEMANDS / PAYROLL

The warrants / demands / payroll were approved.

ITEM NO. 1C BILLBOARD DONATION- CITY OF HOPE'S WALK

BILLBOARD DONATION – CITY OF HOPE'S WALK FOR HOPE 2022

FOR HOPE 2022
RESOLUTION NO.
2022-80-3330
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2022-80-3330, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE FINDING THAT A PUBLIC PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY THE DONATION TO THE CITY OF HOPE FOR THE USE OF A BILLBOARD DISPLAY IN THE CITY OF IRWINDALE AND APPROVING THE DONATION THERETO,” was adopted.

ITEM NO. 1D
AWARD OF CONTRACT
TO PROVIDE
PROFESSIONAL
DESIGN SERVICES
FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL
AND INTERSECTION
SAFETY
IMPROVEMENTS AT
ARROW HWY AND
LIVE OAK AVE

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT ARROW HIGHWAY & LIVE OAK AVE (EAST); P-1039

1) The contract was approved and the City Manager was authorized to execute the agreement, subject to City Attorney approval as to form, with Iteris in the amount of \$46,220.00 for professional design services for traffic signal and intersection safety improvements at Arrow Highway and Live Oak Avenue (East); and 2) approve a 15% contingency in the amount of \$6,933.00 to cover any additional services required to address any unforeseen site conditions during the design process.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM NO. 1E
APPROVAL OF PLANS
AND SPECIFICATIONS
FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL
MODIFICATIONS AT
ARROW HWY AND
VINCENT AVE

APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS AT ARROW HIGHWAY AND VINCENT AVENUE; P-980

DIRECTOR HANNA

Director Hanna presented the staff report.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Councilmember Ortiz expressed his joy that this item is moving forward. He spoke on his efforts in furthering this project and noted the cooperation he received with Supervisor Hilda Solis as well as representatives of Azusa and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

COUNCILMEMBER
GARCIA

Councilmember Garcia recommended that staff ask for the latest components in the signal controller cabinet, to which Assistant City Engineer Co advised that everything has been updated to the latest standards. He added that staff could look into obtaining a battery backup for the signal.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Councilmember Ortiz also requested that the yellow lighting enhancements be placed on the signals, to which Assistant City Engineer Co stated that they could be added.

FRED BARBOSA Responding to a concern from Fred Barbosa, Assistant City Engineer Co advised that the signal features are determined based on accident history and intersection safety, and not by personal preferences.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Ortiz, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to 1) approve the plans and specifications for Traffic Signal Modifications at Arrow Highway and Vincent Avenue, 2) approve the Cooperative Agreement between Irwindale and Azusa, 3) approve the Agreement between Irwindale and Los Angeles County, 4) authorize the City Manager to execute both agreements after approval as to form by the City Attorney, and 5) authorize staff to solicit bids for construction of the project. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 1F RELEASE OF BONDS FOR PARCEL MAP 72864 – 16203-16233
RELEASE OF BONDS ARROW HIGHWAY (Continue from July 13, 2022)
FOR PARCEL MAP
72864 – 16203-16233
ARROW HWY

COUNCILMEMBER Councilmember Breceda declared a potential conflict of interest,
BRECEDA refrained from discussing this matter, and exited the Council Chambers at 8:08 p.m.

DIRECTOR HANNA Director Hanna presented the staff report.

COUNCILMEMBER Councilmember Ortiz expressed his preference to hold off on
ORTIZ releasing the bonds until Panattoni addresses the concerns of the Morada Street residents, to which Director Hanna advised that the items of concern are unrelated to the subject bonds.

MAYOR PRO TEM Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz also stated his desire to release the bonds
AMBRIZ after the concerns of the residents of Morada Street are addressed, to which City Attorney Guerra recommended that the bonds be released since the work that the bonds covered has been completed. City Attorney Guerra further noted that releasing the bonds does not prevent the city from working with Panattoni on addressing the issues raised by the residents.

CITY MANAGER City Manager Miranda added that the release of the bonds is
MIRANDA necessary to proceed with other work at the site. He added that staff will coordinate a meeting with representatives of Panattoni to address the residents' concerns.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Mayor Burrola, to approve the release of the faithful performance, labor and material, and monument bonds for Parcel Map 72864. The motion was unanimously approved; Councilmember Breceda absent.

COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA Councilmember Breceda returned to the Council Chambers at 8:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 2A PROPOSED SENIOR CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION
PROPOSED SENIOR CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA Councilmember Breceda declared a potential conflict of interest, recused himself from discussing this item, and exited the Council Chambers at 8:16 p.m.

DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ Director Rodriguez presented the staff report.

MAYOR BURROLA As requested by Mayor Burrola, Director Rodriguez clarified the proposed hours of operation as well as staffing levels.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Ortiz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, to approve the proposed Senior Center Hours of Operation to commence on Monday, August 29, 2022, as follows:

Mondays: 8 am to 5 pm
Tuesdays: 8 am to 5 pm
Wednesdays: 8 am to 7 pm
Thursdays: 8 am to 5 pm
Fridays: 8 am to 2:30 pm

The motion was unanimously approved; Councilmember Breceda absent.

ITEM NO. 2B CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPOINTING INTERIM POLICE CHIEF FOR A LIMITED DURATION OF TIME UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7522.56(C) AND 21221(H)
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CITY MANAGER MIRANDA City Manager Miranda presented the staff report.

COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ Councilmember Ortiz requested that Chief Castro look into concerns of motorists speeding on Irwindale Avenue, between Arrow Highway and Cypress.

RESOLUTION NO.
2022-83-3333
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2022-83-3333, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM POLICE CHIEF FOR A LIMITED DURATION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7522.56(C) AND 21221(H)," was adopted on the motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT**

CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA

City Manager Miranda reported the following:

- 1) The City Clerk's Office has qualified Albert Ambriz, H. Manuel Ortiz, Rosemary Martinez, and Jason Hickman as candidates for the November 8, 2022, General Municipal Election.
- 2) The City of Hope's Parking Structure A has recently won the International Parking and Mobility Institute Award of Excellence in Architectural Design and the 2022 MPA Innovative Sustainability Project of the Year.
- 3) In-person homework help will be offered through the Library beginning September 13.
- 4) The Recreation Department has processed 103 bus passes and will continue processing applications as they are submitted.
- 5) MariachiFest will begin September 2.
- 6) The community enjoyed six weeks of Sunset Cinema and seven weeks of Music in the Park concerts during the summer.
- 7) The Senior Center is accepting registrations for Zumba Gold and the Mexican Independence Day Dance.

**AGENDA ITEMS
REQUESTED BY
COUNCILMEMBERS**

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Councilmember Ortiz reiterated his request to hold a town hall meeting to discuss the concerns of the Morada Street residents.

COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA

Councilmember Breceda also suggested placing this matter on the agenda to discuss the ideas he has to resolve the residents' issues.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to hold a meeting to discuss the concerns of the Morada Street residents. The motion was unanimously approved.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Responding to a comment by Councilmember Ortiz regarding an additional concern relating to a sign at the Morada Street / Arrow Highway intersection, Director Hanna advised that staff hired a traffic

consultant to study the intersection. His recommendations was to install a "no turn on red" sign. Staff also addressed the signal timing with a consultant, and determined that the timing will be adjusted to shorten the amount of time individuals must wait before turning right.

COUNCIL CONSENSUS Council consensus was reached to place this matter on a future agenda for full discussion.

ITEM NO. 5A
REQUEST BY MAYOR
PRO TEM REGARDING
COMMERCIAL
ELECTRICAL
VEHICLES


REQUEST BY MAYOR PRO TEM AMBRIZ REGARDING
COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL VEHICLES

MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ

Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz noted the impacts that air quality has on residents' quality of life, and requested that staff look into whether developers could consider using electric vehicles to mitigate environmental impacts. He requested that the matter be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m., in memory of Joe Ray Nunez, Sr.



Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted at the meeting held September 14, 2022.